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NOTE VERBALE DATED 12 JULY 1993 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the President of the Security Council and, in accordance with paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 816 (1993), has the honour to bring to his attention further information received by UNPROFOR regarding apparent violations of the ban on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 8 and 11 July 1993, there appear to have been 16 flights of fixed- or rotary-wing aircraft in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with paragraph 1 of resolution 816 (1993) or approved by UNPROFOR in accordance with paragraph 2 of that resolution. Details as to the itinerary of flights in this reporting period are attached as annex I to this note verbale.

The total number of flights assessed as apparent violations is now 662.

Annex I

INFORMATION ON FLIGHTS IN THE AIRSPACE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA NOT AUTHORIZED BY THE UNITED NATIONS PROTECTION FORCE

(8-11 July 1993)

SRL	DATE	START	END	REMARKS	HEADING SPEED ALT.
669 670	8 July	08.09	Unk	UNMOs visiting the Visca quarry Helipad (southwest of Tuzla) observed an MI-8 helicopter with registration T9-HAD approach from the northeast and overfly the Helipad. The helicopter then performed five landings and takeoffs on a hill 1 kilometre from the Helipad. At 08.28Z, the helicopter landed at Visca, and a crew exchange took place after which the helicopter resumed flying in the vicinity of the helipad. At one point, the helicopter made a low level pass over the UNMO's vehicle. The flights of this helicopter occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Variable Slow Low
671	8 July	10.07	10.35	UNMOs visiting Dubrave Airfield in Tuzla observed a UTVA-75 fixed-wing trainer aircraft with camouflage paint perform several landings and takeoffs interspersed with circular flights around the perimeter of the airfield. The aircraft was still flying when the UNMOs left the scene. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Variable Slow Low
672	8 July	10.28	10.28	Tuzla UNMOs observed an MI-8 helicopter approach and land at a distant edge of Dubrave Airfield. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	N/A N/A Low
673 674 675	9 July	11.00 13.04 13.07	11.40 13.04 13.41	Tuzla UNMOs observed a UTVA-75 airplane, with army camouflage markings and no tail number, flying west of Dubrave airfield. This aircraft was also detected by AWACS and intercepted by NATO fighters. Radio warnings were broadcast, and the aircraft landed a few minutes later. UNMOs reported that the aircraft took off again at 12.27, and the same NATO fighters forced it down a second time at 13.04. At 13.07, the aircraft took off again and flew until 13.41. The flights of this aircraft occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Various Slow Low
676	10 July	07.59	09.01	NATO fighters observed an unidentified helicopter on the ground, with its rotors turning, 6 kilometres south of Zenica. Shortly afterwards, the helicopter took off and flew towards Zenica. Despite radio warnings, the helicopter continued to a prepared landing site on the southeastern outskirts of Zenica, where it briefly landed before taking off and flying to a barracks in the centre of town. The ECMM Team at Zenica observed an MI-8 helicopter with a red cross, flying from the south to the prepared landing site at a time that correlates with the fighters' observation. The flights of this helicopter occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Various Slow Low

677	10 July	09.22	09.22	UNMOs at Tuzla observed a white MI-8 helicopter with a blue band flying at a low altitude towards the northeast, 8 kilometres south of Tuzla. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Northeast Slow 200 feet
678 679 680	10 July	10.38	12.11	NATO fighters reported a radar contact 20 kilometres south of Tuzla. The fighters investigated and made visual contact with a white MI-8 helicopter. Radio warnings were issued, and the helicopter landed. The helicopter took off half an hour later and landed in a stadium east of Tuzla where it was met by three buses. Nine minutes later, the helicopter flew to Tuzla airport where it landed, and two people got off. UNMOs at Tuzla observed the arrival of this helicopter and identified one of the passengers as the base commander. The helicopter took off again three minutes later heading southwest in the direction of Visca heliport. It was instructed to land and did so in a field southwest of Tuzla. The helicopter took off again, and contact was lost a few minutes later. The flights of this helicopter occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Various Slow Low
681 682 683	10 July	14.04	14.52	NATO fighters reported a radar contact 10 kilometres south of Tuzla and visually identified two MI-8 helicopters. The helicopters were white with a blue band and a red cross. One was on the ground, and one was airborne. The airborne helicopter landed, and the other one took off towards the northeast and flew in the area south of Tuzla. Due to operational reasons, the flight of NATO fighters was replaced by another set of fighters. The second set identified two helicopters flying in the Tuzla area. The helicopters landed 10 kilometres east of Tuzla as the fighters issued radio warnings. An hour later, the fighters reported that one helicopter took off heading west and landed in the quarry site southwest of Tuzla. The flights of these helicopters occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Various 150 knots Low
684	11 July	10.25	10.25	UNMOs in Tuzla observed a white MI-8 helicopter, with a blue band and a red cross, arrive and land at Tuzla airport. The UNMOs inspected the helicopter and found it empty. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Northeast Unknown Unknown